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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/453)*]

### 52/1. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

*The General Assembly*,

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS LOGISTICS BASE AT BRINDISI, ITALY

*Recalling* section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

*Recalling also* its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 and section VIII of its resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Logistics Base,[3] the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon[4] and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[5]

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[1] A/51/905.

[2] A/52/407.

[3] A/51/803, annex.

[4] A/52/380, annex.

[5] A/C.5/52/SR.3 and 4.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[1]

2. *Takes note also* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Takes note further* of the cost estimates proposed by the Secretary-General[6] and recommended by the Advisory Committee[7] for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, amounting to 7,875,000 United States dollars gross (7,375,200 dollars net), the ad hoc financing of which will be reflected in the respective performance reports of the peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

4. *Notes* that, according to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, a more precise cost-benefit analysis of the Logistics Base should be carried out,[8] requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of the operation of the Logistics Base for consideration by the General Assembly during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session, and requests the Advisory Committee to assist the Secretary-General in this regard by providing more specific guidance on conducting such an analysis;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the decision of the General Assembly on the future of the Logistics Base, to make proposals, as appropriate, for different sources or modes of financing, including self-financing mechanisms, and to consider the possibility of expanding the use of the Logistics Base to other agencies and programmes of the United Nations, such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Food Programme, as recommended by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 18 of its report,[2] and to make this information available so as to enable the Assembly to take a decision on the future of the Logistics Base, in the context of a coherent strategy for logistic support, during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 4,207,500 dollars for the clearance of backlog inventory at the Logistics Base;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session on the clearance of backlog inventory referred to in his report;[1]

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments on a monthly basis in the amount of 812,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for the period from 16 October 1997 to 30 June 1998;

9. *Decides* that additional appropriations, as may be required, will be considered in the context of the performance reports on peacekeeping operations for that period;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, six Field Service and twenty-eight locally recruited staff;

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[6] See A/50/907.

[7] A/50/985, para. 25.

[8] A/52/407, paras. 4 and 18.

11. *Endorses* the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 13 of its report[2] that the level of staffing should be reviewed in the light of the volume of operations, and requests the Secretary-General to provide this information to the General Assembly during the first part of its resumed fifty-second session;

12. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to use existing audit capability to provide the functions referred to in paragraph 34 of his report;[1]

13. *Decides* to refer to the issue of resourcing policy as proposed in section VIII of the report of the Secretary-General in the context of its deliberations on the future of the Logistics Base, as referred to in paragraph 5 above;

14. *Approves* the policies proposed in sections X and XI of the report of the Secretary-General;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide detailed information on the Logistics Base communications relay system and its functions;

II

## MANAGEMENT OF PEACEKEEPING ASSETS: FIELD ASSETS CONTROL SYSTEM

*Recalling* section VIII, paragraph 4, of its resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the field assets control system[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the field assets control system;[9]

2. *Takes note also* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Endorses* the proposal for the development and implementation of the field assets control system described in paragraphs 4 to 22 of the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to continue to develop the field mission logistics system described in paragraphs 25 and 26 of his report, and decides to consider this question during the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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[9] A/51/957.

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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### 52/2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978, by which it granted observer status to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation,

*Recalling also* its resolution 50/3 of 16 October 1995, by which it noted the complementarity of the activities of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation and the United Nations and invited the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, to promote cooperation between the two organizations,

*Recalling further* the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations through regional cooperation,

*Noting* the desire of the two organizations to consolidate, develop and tighten the ties that exist between them in the political, economic, social and cultural fields,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation,[1]

*Noting with satisfaction* the encouraging progress achieved in cooperation between the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies and programmes and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation,

[1] A/52/299 and Add.1 and 2.

*Convinced* that strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation is consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Considering* that the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation brings together a considerable number of States Members of the United Nations, among which it promotes multilateral cooperation in areas of interest to the United Nations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation;[1]

2. *Commends* the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation for its continuing efforts to encourage multilateral cooperation among countries that use French as a common language, particularly in the areas of conflict prevention, strengthening of the rule of law, economic, social and cultural development and promotion of new information technologies, and requests United Nations bodies to give it their support;

3. *Welcomes* the involvement of the countries that use French as a common language, through the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, in United Nations activities, including the preparation for, conduct of and follow-up to world conferences organized under United Nations auspices;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation is participating more frequently in the work of the United Nations, to which it makes a valuable contribution;

5. *Welcomes in particular* the five cooperation agreements concluded in 1995 and 1996 between the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the one hand and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation on the other;

6. *Welcomes also* the high-level meetings held periodically between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation and between senior secretariat officials of both organizations, and encourages their participation in major meetings of both organizations;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the outcome of the meeting held in Paris on 29 September 1997 between those responsible for electoral assistance at the United Nations and at the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, and encourages cooperation between the two organizations in this area;

8. *Recommends* to the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation that they intensify their consultations with a view to ensuring greater coordination in the area of conflict prevention, support for the rule of law and democracy and promotion of human rights;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation in the periodic meetings he holds with the heads of regional organizations, taking into account the role played by the Agency in the area of conflict prevention and support for democracy and the rule of law;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, acting in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, to encourage the holding of periodic meetings between representatives of the United Nations Secretariat and representatives of the secretariat of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation in order to promote the exchange of information and the identification of new areas of cooperation;

11. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation for their sustained efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, thereby serving the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

12. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, to continue to promote cooperation between the two organizations;

13. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other programmes and organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to collaborate to this end with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation by undertaking new joint initiatives in the areas of poverty elimination, micro-financing, energy, sustainable development, education, training and the development of new information technologies;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation".

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